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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Killing of Italian citizen Michele Colosio in Chiapas, Mexico

We have learned from the press about the tragic killing of Michele Colosio, a 42-year-old volunteer from the province of Brescia. He was reportedly attacked by an armed group while returning to his home in San Cristóbal de las Casas on the night of 11-12 July 2021.

Mr Colosio had lived in Mexico for 10 years, where he was working in projects relating to cooperation and social inclusion. The reason for the murder is still unknown.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) answer the following questions:

1. Is the VP/HR aware of this serious incident and its further developments?
2. Will he raise the case with the Mexican authorities as a matter of urgency and call for the necessary investigations to be conducted at all levels to ensure truth and justice for Michele Colosio and his family members?
3. Will he condemn the daily violence in San Cristóbal and the State of Chiapas, where widespread poverty, corruption and impunity all too often pave the way for armed groups linked to common and organised crime?